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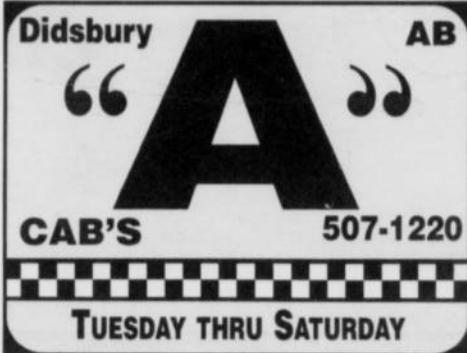
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GO JOHNNY GO - Johnny Summers practises trumpet with the Westglen brass section during JAZZFEST 2009 clinics. Bands from throughout Chinook's Edge School division took part in the annual Didsbury festival to receive one-on-one clinics with Calgary's acclaimed musicians The Mocking Shadows and to receive adjudication from Neil Corlett, Alberta Band Association. Students were also treated to concerts by The Mocking Shadows and The Royal Canadian Artillery Band. See story on page 2.

New Moon craze bites Didsbury teens

BY TAMARA CUNNINGHAM
Didsbury Review

Local teenagers have been buzzing about New Moon, the sequel in the teen-centric Twilight series, since previews hit the big screen almost six months ago.

And the excitement has only grown as the second adaptation in Stephanie Meyer's vampire romance books arrived in theatres last weekend.

"I'm really excited. I think it's going to be awesome," said Morgan Wilson, 12, of Westglen Middle School.

"I hear (the movie) is almost exactly like the book...in Twilight they left a lot of stuff out."

Wilson is a "Twihard", the pop-culture term for a diehard Twilight fan and her mother doesn't hesitate to call her on it, she said laughing.

"I got Twilight when I was 11 and kept on reading it until I got New Moon and then Eclipse. I read Twilight like 125 times and Eclipse 55 times," she said.

It's difficult for her to take her nose out of the series. When she starts one of the books, she spends the day reading it

cover to cover.

"I just really like the romance between Bella and Edward...this is more than werewolves and vampires, it's a Romeo and Juliet type story," she said.

Trisha Rutley, 12, also from Westglen, hasn't read the series nearly as much as Wilson but she still considers herself a big fan of the Twilight melodrama.

Like a lot of Twilight followers, Rutley is hooked by the romance between Bella and vampire Edward and the emerging love triangle, with hunky werewolf, Jacob Black.

"Bella wants to be with Edward but he doesn't think she belongs in his world...and then he leaves and you think she will get together with Jacob," she said.

"It's interesting how it all works out...I really like the love triangle and the adventure."

She is looking forward to seeing the love tug-of-war on the big screen, but also admits she is enthused about the scene where Jacob takes his shirt off - and likely she's not the only student in town waiting for that view.

According to the two girls, there's been a lot of talk about New Moon - and the scenes in it - by children and teenagers.

"I have heard Grade 6 and 7s talk about it and I know some Grade 12 students and graduates who really like New Moon," said Wilson.

"I think a lot of people here are looking forward to watching the movie."

Wilson herself hasn't bought advance tickets, nor will she be lining up to be the first to see the flick Friday night. She'll go when the lines die down sometime this week.

Rutley too hopes she'll avoid crowds. She bought her tickets online last week to see the flick Sunday.

On the first day of the showing, November 20, Mayfair Cinema in Olds sold out. It was the first mass showing and like theatres across Alberta, teens lined up for tickets in droves.

It didn't help that Mayfair Cinema didn't offer advance tickets. Anyone looking to see the movie had to line up early.

"It is really busy tonight," said Jack Craig, after the first sold-out sign was plastered on the front doors.

"I expect because the first one was relatively busy that this will be the same or busier with all the young girls coming. The book - they really like it."

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BY TAMARA CUNNINGHAM
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Pandemic flu clinics are open to the general public this week and with new management plans and more vaccine, officials expect a smooth rollout.

"I think this will go well. It's hard to say how many people will be wanting to get the shot...but we are prepared with extra staff and security to help with line control," said Sandy Phillips, manager of the Didsbury Public Health Unit.

There have been 4,400 people inoculated so far at the Didsbury Hospital from towns and cities spanning Airdrie and Cremona to Carstairs and Didsbury.

The lineups haven't been long since early November

when the province began immunizing people in priority groups. That could change this week as Alberta doctors welcome the general public back into clinics.

"We are getting a half million doses...so why not open to everyone?" said Dr. Andre Corriveau, Alberta's chief medical officer of health.

Earlier this month the province shut down clinics as facilities ran short of vaccine. Shipments were coming few and far between as the drug manufacturer focused on producing unadjuvanted vaccine for pregnant women.

Officials quickly revamped their delivery program to deal with less vaccine shipments – beginning with those on the Public Health Agency of Canada's high-risk list.

Last week the province reached the end of the list with

seniors under 65 and children under 18 and their families becoming eligible on November 19 and 20.

Alberta's health officials aren't sure how many will now line up at clinics to get the shot, but they are warning people not to rush for immunizations.

"The vaccine will be offered at clinics for the next little while," said Corriveau.

The next clinic in Didsbury is today, November 24, with the last chance for the shot arriving on December 23.

There have been approximately 1,000 hospitalizations and 45 deaths since the pandemic began to spread in Canada last April. Health officials are seeing a decrease in those infected by the flu and announced last week we could be seeing the end of the second wave.

Students jam at Didsbury jazz festival

BY TAMARA CUNNINGHAM
Didsbury Review

Twelve school bands had a groovin' good time at the fourth annual Jazz Fest in Didsbury.

Last Tuesday students from Airdrie and Chinook's Edge bused to the Zion Evangelical Missionary Church to jam with jazz musicians, listen to the genre and play their own harmonies.

It was a great success, said Kirk Wassmer, organ-

izer and music director at Didsbury High School (DHS).

"This not only gives kids an opportunity to hear professional musicians play but to have someone other than their music teacher give them feedback," he said.

Nine clinicians and two guest bands turned up at the two-day event to help orchestrate the festival.

The musicians handed out tips to teenagers looking to improve and jammed onstage to

demonstrate technique. In the evening they packed up their instruments to play to the public in Olds. The money raised from ticket sales went towards next year's festival.

Organizers say the affair costs \$7,000 to run, although the majority of funds usually come from the Calgary Association for the Development of Music. That funding will expire next year.

"I hope we can continue to do this...we have about \$5,000 we need to raise,"

Wassmer said.

The event brought in \$1,000.

Gareth Hughes, a saxophonist for the group Mocking Shadows, has been attending the event since it started four years ago and thinks this is a cool and unique venue. He hopes organizers are able to keep this November tradition.

"Usually schools - like in the bigger city centres - invite a clinician in to teach kids for a couple hours but that's it. This

way students can spend two days learning and doing evening performances," he said.

"I think they get more out of it."

The jazz musician also gets a kick out of hearing kids carry on the jazz genre - when the focus of teenagers is usually R&B and rock.

"Hopefully when the kids see this music in use they get inspired by it," Hughes said.

Peter Shields and Justin Mohns, 15-year-old

trumpet players from DHS, say the festival was fantastic. It was a chance to explore jazz and see how far they could go with music if they took it up as a career.

"It is really valuable...to hear musicians of this high calibre play and give you feedback," Shields said.

"The clinics are a little nerve-wracking because these guys are really good...but it's also fun and it's so great they are willing to come down here."

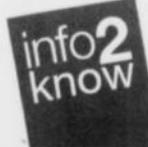
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Fred Spreter, 106 and wife, Kitty, 93 share a laugh at their home in Aspen Ridge Lodge.

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Couple celebrates lasting love

BY TAMARA CUNNINGHAM
Didsbury Review

Fred Spreter never gets tired of hearing the same song even if he's heard it 106 times.

That's because the serenade, Happy Birthday, is a quick reminder that November 27 is also his wedding anniversary; a date he wouldn't want to forget.

"They say if you want to remember your anniversary to get married on your birthday...they were right," Spreter said, chuckling.

His wife, Kitty, 93, had just pulled an album from a stack near the T.V. and she turned to give him a stern look only a woman married over seven decades could.

"I keep telling him I was the best birthday present he ever got," she said as she settled back on her settee at the Aspen Ridge Lodge.

This Friday the pair will celebrate Spreter's 106 birthday and 75 years of marriage.

Three generations of Albertans will gather at Aspen Ridge Lodge with cake and best wishes to mark the occasion. Most of those who'll gather never thought the day would come.

"I think I speak for all of us when I say, we cannot believe my parents have reached this age and stage...time goes by so fast," said Marie Heffernan, their eldest daughter.

Her parents always had a strong marriage, forged through respect and need rather than mushy sentiment, she recalls.

They worked hard, especially through the Dirty 30s when men and women either toiled the land together or had nothing.

"I remember my dad was able to get workers from Quebec and Ontario to come in and help thresh. It was hard to get help in those days. They stayed two weeks and mom cooked those fellows dinner three times a day the entire time...that's how they worked together."

Spreter and his wife met over 80 years ago, when she was just 13 years old.

It was 1928 and Spreter, 24, was walking 14 miles to Carstairs to pick up his first car, a second-hand Model T he'd bought for \$175.

"My dad was driving and we saw a fellow walking on the side of the road. He suggested we give him a ride into town," remembers Kitty.

She doesn't recall an immediate attraction, though Spreter looked better each time she saw him. After they drove him to Carstairs, he often made the one mile trek to her farm to help her cook, play cards or help her dad with farm chores.

He had arrived from Stuttgart, Germany in 1927 to farm and knew no one here.

In 1930 tragedy struck his neighbours' household.

Kitty's mother was preparing to slide bread that had risen

overnight, into the oven. Her son and husband were out milking cows when she tested the heat and found it lacking.

She poured coal oil or gas on the flames to make it go and everything blew apart, Kitty said.

Her mother was rushed to the hospital but she was burned badly. She died that night and suddenly 15-year-old Kitty was responsible for running the household and looking after her family.

"I had finished grade school. It was as far as I went...I had to mature overnight," she said.

Her new efforts scrubbing laundry, hauling water and caring for her father and siblings didn't go unnoticed by Spreter.

Watching her take such good care of her loved ones, put marriage in his mind.

Four years later, on November 27, 1934 and on his 31st birthday, Spreter and Kitty married in a small ceremony in Madden. She was 18.

"My sister and I plucked chickens the night before and made pies and the wedding cake...we had a feast at the farm and then we went to the Madden Hall to dance," Kitty said.

"I can still remember the song we danced to. The orchestra was playing Love in Bloom."

When the newlyweds got back to Spreter's farmhouse, he scooped her up into his arms and went to carry her over the threshold.

"When he put his foot on the stair it broke and I was dropped on the floor," she said.

"At least he got me over the threshold," she said laughing.

Spreter's eyes twinkled at the memory - "I have a story too, that is funny," he said.

The couple was building a shed on the property they bought together in 1939. Kitty and her friends were supposed to hold the door while Spreter attached it to the building.

"And this was no ordinary door. It was big. The ladies...they dropped it on me," he said.

The ladies couldn't hold the door anymore and let it fall. It landed on a grain cleaning machine, though Spreter was underneath the planks.

"Oh dear, me and my, we didn't know what to do. I was afraid to look," she said.

"Thank goodness it landed on the grain machine first."

The couple has many memories collected over the years and says it's hard to believe they have been through so much together, including the Second World War and Dirty 30s.

"The secret to a long marriage...is remembering the good times and getting through the bad. Marriage is like any family," said Spreter.

Kitty adds that they have always worked together. There was never any time to argue in between working the farm, running the household and raising three children.

"My goodness time flies..." Kitty said.

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Stelmach Tories have tough job ahead

DAN SINGLETON



With the review of his leadership of the Progressive Conservative Party now behind him, Premier Ed Stelmach and his cabinet colleagues are probably hoping to quietly get on with the business of guiding the province in the run-up to the next election.

Free from the possibility of being tossed out of the premier's office by his own Tory colleagues, Stelmach may believe that his problems are behind him for the time being.

Yet as everyone knows the real review of the Tory government is still to come, and that will be during the next election campaign.

Judging by the numerous controversial issues still on the table, the premier's job will likely be getting harder, not easier, in the coming months.

The big question now is, do the premier and his cabinet colleagues have enough time left to regain the public confidence their critics say they have squandered during the first 20 months of the government term?

The H1N1 vaccine program fiasco, the hospital cleanliness scandal, a series of controversial initiatives such as Bill 44 and Bill 50, a massive and ballooning multibillion-dollar deficit have all raised questions about the leadership abilities of the premier and his ministers.

And the Stelmach government's troubles may be only starting as a major review of rural hospitals comes to a conclusion, perhaps sometime this fall.

Does the premier still have the public support he needs to implement the major changes to health care he has been calling for since taking office? Can he afford the backlash if he goes ahead with the changes on one hand or the backlash from his supporters, both in caucus and in his party, if he backs down?

Not surprisingly, the official opposition Liberals say the premier has a tough job ahead.

"The premier has survived this leadership review, thanks to his ability to motivate his tightly-knit cadre of supporters," says Liberal leader Dr. David Swann. "I'm afraid that this won't help him win back the support of the wider public. His administration has dropped the ball too often for Albertans to forgive."

While it's not possible to determine exactly when the next provincial election will be called – and that's because, unlike the federal government, the Stelmach Tories have refused to set fix election dates – there's little doubt that the premier has some considerable catching up to do to restore public confidence in his administration.

Whether he can do that and still carry on with his agenda, particularly as it relates to health care, remains anyone's guess at this 20-month point in the government term.



Commentary

Manufacturing in Alberta a one trick pony

TODD HIRSCH

Who knew Alberta was such a manufacturing superstar?

The value of manufacturing within the province totalled some \$4.5 billion in September of this year and accounted for nearly 11 per cent of Canada's total manufacturing activity. That's roughly in line with Alberta's share of the country's population.

Isn't this a strong argument in favour of the diversification of Alberta's economy? With all of this manufacturing going on, maybe the province isn't as dependent on natural resources as people think?

Maybe. But breaking down manufacturing by sector, it's glaringly apparent that the energy patch is still the muscle that powers the provincial economy.

The single largest manufacturing sector in Alberta is refined petroleum and coal, which contributed close to \$1 billion (22 per cent) this past September. Unfortunately, that refining activity is directly related to the value of crude oil and its derivative products: gasoline, diesel fuel, jet fuel, etc. The value of those products – led on a roller-coaster ride by oil prices – have gyrated wildly over the past couple of years.

Only recently has the value of refined petroleum products clawed its way back up. But even with the recent price gains in oil and gasoline, the value of refined petroleum is only back to where it was in 2004 and 2005.

Chemical production is the third largest contributor to industrial manufacturing and is concentrated in only a few very large facilities. And again, on the surface it seems to support the notion of economic diversity. But the feedstocks used in the production of chemicals in Alberta are drawn primarily from natural gas liquids – which is in turn, dependent on natural gas extraction. When that activity is disrupted by low natural gas prices, it greatly affects input availability.

Machinery and equipment places fourth in Alberta's manufacturing ranking. Unfortunately, it lacks the mix of industrial and technical manufacturing which takes place in southern Ontario, Michigan, or China: by and large, machines produced in Alberta are specialized pieces used

in either conventional drilling, or increasingly, in oilsands extraction.

Without demand from oil and gas drillers, machinery and equipment manufacturing in Alberta is in a funk. From its peak in July 2008, total value in the province is down 43 per cent.

Fifth on the list of Alberta manufacturing is fabricated metal products, and the story is the same as with machinery and equipment: most of it feeds into the energy sector.

Those four sectors alone – refined petroleum, chemical, machinery and equipment, and fabricated metals – accounted for 55 per cent of Alberta's total \$4.5 billion in manufacturing in September of 2009. And the troubles in the energy patch are without doubt being felt; shipments from each of these four industrial sectors have been pummeled in 2009.

However, it's not all doom and gloom: Food processing has scrambled to the number two spot among the major manufacturing sectors, and it has been enjoying an upward trend. Most of the action in Alberta's food processing takes place at a handful of cattle and hog slaughtering factories, and the associated beef and pork packaging. But it also includes poultry and egg production, bakeries, beverage brewing and bottling. All in all, they account for nearly \$1 billion in sales, up about 25 per cent in the past five years.

Forest product manufacturers, on the other hand, are not enjoying the same growth. In fact, the total value of lumber, plywood, and pulp and paper has gradually fallen over the past few years, weighed down by low prices, poor demand from the US, and a punishingly high Canadian dollar.

But with over half of the province's manufacturers being heavily exposed to the energy patch, it's hard to see much upside without a strong recovery in conventional drilling. That, unfortunately, is not particularly likely given the stubbornly soft prices for natural gas. The irony is that the current downturn in the energy sector will probably result in Alberta's economy becoming more diversified after all.

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Student humanitarians aid sick child

Tour of India a success

BY TAMARA
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Didsbury Review

Ten high school students, who returned last week from a pioneer humanitarian trip overseas, are eager to make change.

Their desire to help has everything to do with a sick and injured four-year-old boy.

The Didsbury High School (DHS) students, all hand-picked for their enthusiasm for social justice, travelled to India this November to see poverty first hand. They toured the slums, played music for schoolchildren and helped deworm youngsters.

"I just thought of my child back home, who is around the same age. I could never imagine her without her mother...all alone."

LEANNE JACOBSON
trip organizer and DHS teacher

The best and worst experience of their trip, however, was a chance meeting with a young boy.

The group, led by local realtor James Carpenter and the Dalit Freedom

Network, stopped in a small village along the way to a school-construction project. It was little more than a grouping of mud huts beside a rock-quarry that many of the villagers worked at.

"We were just going to show the kids the mud huts and let them meet the villagers," Carpenter said.

But then they saw the boy. He sat on the outskirts of the camp, bow-legged and thin. The students had seen nothing like it during their trip to India.

He looked like a child from World Vision commercials, they said.

There was also a bloody gash on the side of his head, where there used to be hair.

Leanne Jacobson, trip organizer and DHS teacher, recalls a group of people milling around the boy and wondering why someone wasn't helping him.

"Then I realized I'm that somebody. I had a first aid kit in my backpack and I grabbed clean water and gauze from our bus," she said.

Katie (Hughes, 16) and I helped clean his wound."

The act wasn't an easy one, especially as Jacobson learned more about the boy - Ashok.

His mother had died and his stepmother, a 13- or 14-year old girl, wanted nothing to do with



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Didsbury High School students spend time with Dalit children during a weeklong tour of India.

him. As a result, he was rejected from the village and forced to care for himself on the outskirts of the community.

"I just thought of my child back home, who is around the same age. I could never imagine her without her mother...all alone," she said.

"It was really devastating. It was hard for all of us to imagine."

Jacobson isn't sure that

she and her students would have walked away, if not for a chain reaction of change that happened afterwards.

As they were cleaning the wound, a journalist stopped on a motorcycle and called several other reporters.

They converged on the village, eager to cover the feel-good story of Canadians helping India's poor. That media cover-

age to over 80 million people, prompted the Dalit Freedom Network to bring Ashok to a medical specialist and a mobile medical unit to the village.

The children at the small community will also be bused to a nearby school until Didsbury students are able to raise money to build their own.

"I felt a huge love for Ashok even though I

hardly knew him and that we were able to help him and his village has had a huge impact on me," said Hughes.

"I'd like to go back again and see how the village is doing."

This was the first time the Dalit Freedom Network took students on a tour of India and the organization is planning to make it an annual affair.

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Further information may be obtained at the Town Office, 2037 - 19 Avenue or by calling 335-3391. Persons wishing to appeal any of these decisions must do so in writing, with the appropriate fees, to the Secretary, Development Appeal Board, prior to 4:30 pm on December 8, 2009.

*Kim Boyd, Development Officer
Alana Gibson, Development Officer*

Rollout Cart Schedule

November 2009

Black Bin Green

Su	Mo	Tu	W	Th	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
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PUBLIC SKATE & SHINNY SCHEDULE

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Main Ice		Shinny 12-1pm		Shinny 12-1pm			
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Break-in at general store

The Water Valley General Store was broken into last week, although nothing was found stolen.

When police arrived on the scene they found a ladder propped up against the store November 16 and a damaged lock on the front door. The local members continue to investigate with the Red Deer Identification unit.

Failed filch

Police and canine chased a man across farm fields after the suspect botched a robbery, November 16.

At 5 a.m., shortly after the Water Valley General Store was broken into, a man was seen getting out of a stolen truck he'd gotten stuck in a laneway near Cremona. He fled on foot when he realized he was seen and police later gave chase.

The RCMP and police service dog did not find the

Police briefs

BY TAMARA CUNNINGHAM
Didsbury Review

suspect and members continue to investigate the case with the Red Deer Identification unit.

It is believed the Water Valley General store break-in is related to the attempted vehicle theft.

Impaired driver caught

A 20-year-old drunk driver nearly mowed down a police vehicle as she turned off Highway 2 onto Highway 581, last week.

On November 18, at 10:30 p.m. a member responded to a complaint of a possible impaired driver heading north on Highway 2. The RCMP caught up to the silver

GMC Jimmy when it turned onto Hwy 581

"The responding officer had to make evasive manoeuvres to prevent a head on collision with the vehicle...and subsequently stopped the 20-year-old female driver from the Calgary area," said Sgt. Jeff Jacobson.

The woman faces several charges including impaired driving, possessing ecstasy, marijuana and prescription drugs not prescribed to her.

Thief steals televisions

A thief stole thousands of dollars worth of televisions from Carstairs RV November 14.

Ten to 12 units were taken from parked trailers in the sale lot last Saturday, leaving the owner with a \$10,000 to \$15,000 loss. The RCMP doesn't believe there was forced entry and doesn't yet have any suspects.

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Heritage Home Tour showcases the past

BY TAMARA CUNNINGHAM
Didsbury Review

After nearly a decade, residents will once again be able to peek inside some of Didsbury's oldest character homes.

The Didsbury and District Museum is reviving its Heritage Home Tour on November 28, to raise dollars for its organization.

"We have picked five homes that people have always been curious

about - and they aren't ones that have been overdone," said Frankie Kelly, president of the Didsbury Museum Society Board.

"This will be a peek into the past."

She is keeping mum about at least four of the

homes on the tour, only naming The Brown House as a stop on the excursion. Brian Forestell now owns the home.

W.S. Durrer, the original town undertaker, built the home in 1921 for his family. He crafted every piece of wood in the house and placed each stone in the fence and porch.

Although it changed hands several times since to become a boarding house, small engine repair shop and livery stable, it remains one of the few craftsman style homes in Didsbury.

Over half a century after it was built, Forestell has recreated the arts and craft style atmosphere.

"It's hard to imagine that there was once car parts sitting all over the beautiful maple wood floors...I think over the years people have really worked hard to restore it," he said.

Forestell has tried to bring back the historical

character of the family home by adding his own handmade collection of arts and crafts furniture and other authentic pieces.

"We have picked five homes that people have always been curious about - and they aren't ones that have been overdone."

FRANKIE KELLY
president of the
Didsbury Museum Society Board

He hopes people admire the historic home and the way it's been preserved and become inspired to take care of Didsbury's other unique and colourful heritage buildings.

"I am concerned a lot of

the older homes may not be preserved. I think when people see the value in these places and what they add to our town, they will go to bat in protecting them," he said.

This is the first time he has put his house on the tour map.

People will be able to walk around The Brown House and hear its background in one of five, 45 minute stops during the affair.

The event kicks off at the museum at 12:15 p.m. and lasts until 4:30, when participants can go back to the museum for homemade soup, dessert and tea.

"I think this is going to be a great event. I went 10 years ago and was just so impressed with the original work in these homes," said Myrna Watt, secretary on the museum board.

The tour costs \$25 for members and \$30 for non-members and can accommodate 40 sightseers.

Fundraiser successful

BY TAMARA CUNNINGHAM
Didsbury Review

Over 300 people helped keep registration costs down for minor hockey last Friday, by attending the sixth annual pub night.

The Didsbury Minor Hockey Association was

able to raise \$17,000 at the event, which was \$7,000 more than the group was able to generate last year.

"We try to host one major fundraiser to keep our registration down and this was it," said Jenn Hindes, fundraising coordinator for the minor hockey association.

"It was a huge success with lots of people coming out to support us."

Attendees had a wide choice of activities to take part in, from mouse races and dancing to a silent auction and foosball tournament.

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CHAMBER OF COMMERCE - Membership meetings are the 2nd Wed in June, September, November, and January. For more info please call 403-335-3265.

DIDSBUY TOPS Take Off Pounds Sensibly! Come and join us every Wednesday evening. For more info call Judy Coutts at 403-335-2212 or Rosemary 403-335-2835.

BEAVERS Tues. 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. at Eldon Foote Hall. Kids 5 to 7 years old, boys and girls welcome.

TIME OUT Child & Youth Clubs of Didsbury's Mom's Time Out and Dads Too program. At Didsbury Neighborhood Place, Mondays 10-11:30 a.m. Call 403-335-4270.

KING HIRAM LODGE #21 has its regular meetings at 8 p.m. every 2nd Tuesday of the month.

ST. HILDA CHAPTER #27 O.E.S.

Has its regular meetings at 7:30 p.m. every 3rd Tuesday of the month. For info. Call Marg Steckler at 403-335-4281.

DIDSBUY SENIOR SUPPORT SERVICES Co-ordinates assistance for seniors. Call 403-335-4391.

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DIDSBUY ELKS LODGE Supper Meeting - 4th Thursdays. Regular Meeting - 2nd and 4th Thursdays each month. Call 335-4676 for info.

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DIDSBUY MENTAL HEALTH CLINIC - Provides free accessible mental health services. Which incl. assessments, individual family & group counseling & crisis intervention. Mon. - Fri. 8:30-4:00.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS Meetings Fridays 8:30 p.m. at the Masonic Hall, Didsbury, 21 Ave, and 21 St. For information call Colleen at 403-335-8484 or Rick at 403-335-9525.

HALL RENTALS: Rosebud Hall rentals. Call 403-335-9945 or 403-335-4606.

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HEALTH SERVICES AUXILIARY monthly meeting on the first Tuesday of each month at 2:00 p.m. in Unit 4 at the hospital.

OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS 12-Step group for Compulsive Overeaters meets Thursdays at 7 p.m. at St. Francis of Assisi Anglican church, 130 Albert St., Airdrie. For more information call Deb at 403-948-0563 or Frankie at 403-335-3633.

3025 RCACC Didsbury Army Cadets Youth 12-18 Monday 6:30 - 9:30. Downstairs Victoria Square Mall 403-559-8801.

HALL WALKING at Westmen School from 6:30pm to 7:30pm from Monday to Friday. Please wear clean dry shoes. For more information call Cindy at 403-335-9437.

DIDSBUY MUSEUM OPEN 10 a.m. - 12 noon and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Tues and Wed. Sat. 1 p.m. - 4 p.m. By appointment. Jim 403-335-0063 or Shirley 403-335-3277

DIDSBUY & DISTRICT Community bus. Call Jan to book your trip. 403-335-3052. Competent drivers.

DIDSBUY YOUTH JUSTICE COMMITTEE'S meetings are held the first Monday of each month. All persons interested in volunteering and helping to work with the youth in our community are encouraged to come. For location and time please call 403-335-1975.

MIDWAY COMMUNITY WALKERS Midway School will be open to anyone that would like to walk inside for exercise without the winter elements. Open every school day 7:30-8:30am. For more info call 403-337-2888.

PARENT LINK CENTER Drop in play. FREE playtime for Parents and Preschoolers. (newborn to 6 yrs). Morning, afternoon and evening playtimes available at Didsbury Neighborhood Place, bay 2, 2030 17 Ave. Contact Linda 403-586-5466.

IF YOU LIKE TO QUILT or would like to learn to quilt, come join us at the Church of God 1st & 3rd Monday, 1 - 4 or 7 - 9:30 p.m. For more info call 403-7-8686 leave message. Everyone welcome.

✓ DROP IN @ Didsbury Neighborhood Place from 30 to 11:00 on the 1st & 4th Thursday of the month. Great opportunity to meet other new parents.

DIDSBUY ELKS LODGE supper meetings every 2nd and 4th thursdays. Supper at

7:00 p.m. meeting at 8:00 p.m. Call 403-335-4655

SUPER INVITATION - The Didsbury Lions Club welcomes men & lady visitors at their supper meetings on the first and third Thursdays of each month. 6:45 p.m. at the 5-0 Centre. For more information contact Jim 403-289-8365 or Mary 403-932-5711.

DIDSBUY NEIGHBOURHOOD PLACE is a resource centre for the down, we provide information and referral services, community programming, FCSS, resource lending library and meeting space available for rent. Please call 403-335-8719.

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FRIDAYS - Cribbage starts at 5-0 Club at 7:00 p.m.

ARC SENIOR RVERS CLUB - is looking for new members. No weekend camping. For more information contact Jim 403-289-8365 or Mary 403-932-5711.

STORYTIME - September 17 - December 17, Thursday mornings at 10:30 - 11:00 a.m. Just right for preschoolers - NO FEES! Register at library 403-335-3142. 34-50

MIDWAY SCHOOL - We would like to welcome you to the midway community. We hope to provide you with some local treasures and information about midway. Contact Tanya @ 403-335-8862.

CHRISTMAS CRAFT, GIFT AND BAKE SALE Saturday, November 21 from 9-4pm at the Hartmann Community Centre. For more information call Darra - 403-556-1224 or Doreen - 403-307-8495.

MUSEUM HERITAGE HOMES TOUR Sat. Nov. 28 - visit 5 selected Homes, contact Museum 403-335-9295.

ROSEBUD HALL UPCOMING EVENTS Dec 13

Free Family Swim & potluck supper 1-3pm. Dec 22 Family Games night 7pm. Open to all Didsbury & area residents.

DIDSBUY BROWNIES Meetings every Wed., 6:30 - 8:00 pm at the Train Station. Call Cher 403-335-3522 for more info.

CREMONA WINTERFEST GIFT/CRAFT SALE Saturday, December 5, 2009, 10am - 4pm at the Community Hall, Gold & Silver Hall, Curling Bink & United Church.

WEST DIDSBUY 4-H is having an Electronics Round-Up, Saturday, November 28, 2009, 10:00 am - 2:00 pm at Kino United Church. Info Carr 403-335-4929.

CANADIAN BLOOD SERVICES Blood Donations will be held at the Olds College Alumni Centre, Monday, Feb 1, 2:00pm - 7:00pm.

Church Directory

The REVIEW is pleased to provide this Church Directory as a community service

Anglican Church of Canada

St. Cyprian's
2037 - 24th Ave. Didsbury - 335-4664
Rector - Rev. Bonnie S. Luft
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Sunday School at 10:30 a.m.
Mid-week morning prayer service every third Wednesday 9:30 a.m.

Knox United Didsbury

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Minister Nynae Nourse
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West Zion Mennonite Church

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For more information ph. - 335-4451

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Adult Bible Study Sunday - 9:30 a.m.
Holy Communion 1 & 3 Sunday 10:30 a.m.
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throughout the week

Mountain View Evangelical

Missionary Church
14 km East of Didsbury Pastor Art Numan
Office: 335-4422

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please call the Church Office.

St. Anthony's Catholic

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For more information please contact
Claude Baril - 335-3842
Catholic Women's League:
Wendy MacKenzie 335-8507
Knights of Columbus: Gary McNeil - 335-8611

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In and Around Didsbury

Marge St Clair

Thurs. Nov. 26

All seniors of the town and districts will be welcomed to Eldon Foote Hall after 1:30 p.m. to hear R.C.M.P. Constable Markley speak on some very timely topics - Financial Scams, Fraud and Telemarketing and as always, you will have refreshments to enjoy.

Fri. Nov. 27

Be sure you make a trip uptown tonight for the annual "Country Christmas" evening, see the beautifully decorated downtown, see Santa, etc. A great evening for all.

Sat. Nov. 28

Phone the museum at (403) 335-9295 for a ticket to view five selected homes on the Heritage Tour. Your ticket also includes lunch at the museum - homemade soup, buns and goodies.

West Didsbury 4-H is having an Electronics Roundup, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Knox United Church. For more info, call Carol (403) 335-4929.

Sun. Nov. 29

The Advent Service will be held at Knox United Church at 7 p.m. Everyone welcome.

Sat. Nov. 29 & Sun. Nov. 30

The Mountainview Colts will certainly appreciate your support Sat. night at 8 p.m. against Blackfalds and on Sun. at 3:30 p.m. when Coaldale takes to the ice.

Unique Christmas gifts are available at the museum: mugs, T-shirts, hats, bell pins and donation certificates. Call the museum (403) 335-9295 or Frankie (403) 335-3633.

Tues. Dec. 1

The Didsbury & District Health Services Auxiliary will meet at 2 p.m. in Unit 4 at the hospital. New members most welcome.

Wed. Dec. 2

Upcoming H1N1 Flu Clinics will be held at the Didsbury Hospital from 9 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. on the following dates: Dec. 2, 8, 9, 15, 16 & 23.

Fri. Dec. 4

Your money must be in to Bea today to reserve your seat on the Community Bus to the "Turkey Dinner with all the trimmings" at Good 'N Plenty in Carbon. The bus will leave the complex at 3:30 p.m. Bea's No. is (403) 335-3058.

Sat. Dec. 5

The Mountainview Colts are at home again for two games, Sat. at 8 p.m. when the Airdrie Thunder visit and Sun. Dec. 6 at 3:30 p.m. to play against the Strathmore Wheat Kings. Come and cheer loud and long.

All seniors please take note: The regular Thurs. afternoon session (Dec. 10) at Eldon Foote Hall has been changed to Fri. afternoon Dec. 11 at 1:30 p.m.

Sat. Dec. 12

Didsbury Elks Lodge #514 is having a Kids' Christmas Party at the Elks Hall 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Doors open at 12:30 p.m. Movie starts at 1 p.m. Santa's visit to follow. Children 10 years and under must be accompanied by a parent.

Real estate market recovers

Realtors and consumers gaining optimism

BY TAMARA
CUNNINGHAM
Didsbury Review

Rural realtors may not be jumping up and down yet, but they are feeling optimistic as the real estate market heads towards recovery and consumer confidence grows.

Last year and in the early months of 2009, real estate took beating as people sat back and waited for the market and the economy, to take a turn.

That change has come as consumers see better mortgage prices, low interest rates and affordable homes.

"Since June, we see the market begin to bounce back. It is doing a lot better than 2008...when the market was in a slump," said Mel Crothers, agent for Royal LePage in Didsbury.

Crothers has been tracking the sale and price of homes and condominiums in Didsbury and Carstairs since 2007 with data from the Multiple Listing Service.

In 2007, he reports that real estate was smoking, with 130 units sold locally at an average of \$272,677 and 90 in Carstairs at \$297,946. A year later, the cost of homes went up. Didsbury sold 62 per cent fewer homes at \$88 at an average of \$275,993, while Carstairs sold 73 units at an average of \$300,311.

Carstairs remains fairly steady in home prices in 2007

through to 2009 because it lies within the halo of Calgary - close enough to the urban centre to draw commuters and keep demand consistent, Crothers said.

The sale price of homes in

"Since June, we see the market begin to bounce back. It is doing a lot better than 2008"

MEL CROTHERS
realtor

the town remains high because the builds are new, compared to Didsbury where there are a lot of older

Statistics were grim when

homes.

This year the price rose by four per cent, while Didsbury's sale averages dropped by seven per cent.

The drop in Didsbury is not bad news. It could lend itself to improving the local real estate market as consumers seek out affordable homes, said Cindy Tippe, realtor for Remax ACA Didsbury.

"I think prices are starting to balance out now as sellers become mindful of setting the right price...this is good for first time buyers."

Tippe has noticed things picking up since the summer and predicts an improved market before spring next year.

Statistics were grim when

2009 began, with no sales in January and a total of 21 sales during the first five months of the year. There were 41 during the same period in 2008.

But since June real estate has picked up with 54 sales, 12 more than the year previous.

Carstairs has also slightly improved with 37 sales from June to October, which is seven more than 2008.

"To me it is really encouraging to see buyers now coming back. Are they opening their wallets wide? No. They are still being cautious, but we are still seeing activity with lower mortgage rates and decent prices," said Crothers.

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73 homes sold in 2008

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Town manages water with wetland

BY TAMARA
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Didsbury Review

Town officials are pumping \$6 million into a storm water management system that will put outfall into a man-made wetland.

The final touches on the plans are being made this winter and construction will start by spring next year.

"At first our application was just to create a storm management system and then we decided to create a wetland that would be functional, aesthetic and recreational," said Brittany Hutton, manager of infrastructure and planning.

"We will use plants to create a natural type of wetland so over time, as the roots settle, natural species will come to the area."

The management system northwest of town will feature a large pond with a paved walking path that could eventually be linked to Memorial Park. Engineers will also create a natural area that will attract waterfowl and animals and erect signs to teach families and schoolchildren about local flora and fauna.

The wetland will be protected from development, although town officials don't plan to protect the animals or waterfowl within the new park.

It is the hope of town officials that once completed, the storm water management system will inspire other developers in town to create something similar.

"We want to encourage developers to create a recreational and learning area the community can

enjoy...instead of just a giant storm water dugout."

The provincial and federal government have contributed \$4 million in grants to this project and \$2 million has come from the town.

There is little room to exceed the budget and there is a lot the project must incorporate before 2012, Hutton said.

Chris Penner, Ducks Unlimited consultant and conservation program specialist with Native Plant Solutions said the idea to pipe water outfall into a man-made pond is a good idea. It is a strategy communities across the nation are beginning to practice.

Although if this is going to work as more than a glorified cattle dugout, it must incorporate a community of cattail or other plant species at the outset, he said.

Excessive nutrients alone, from farm runoff, can cause pond algae – and nothing but pond algae.

"There can be all kinds of impurities going into the pond...there should be ways to circumvent this, such as putting in cattail to help clean the water," he said.

Penner said if the town intends to create a wetland that will attract animals and waterfowl, it should also make sure neighbouring residents are OK with it.

"Not everyone will like having more animals in the area," he said.



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TAKING A REST – Rick Jakubowski and Gerry Margine sit back on one of three benches recently installed at the Didsbury Cemetery.

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Harry was born east of Didsbury on a farm, the youngest son of Adam and Elisabeth Morasch. He grew up on his parents' farm and took his schooling at Neapolis. He loved horses & Rodeo competing in many events including calf roping at the Calgary Stampede in the early 1960s.

Harry was pre-deceased by his parents, eight sisters and three brothers. He is survived by two brothers, Danny of Olds & George (Fern) of Calgary.

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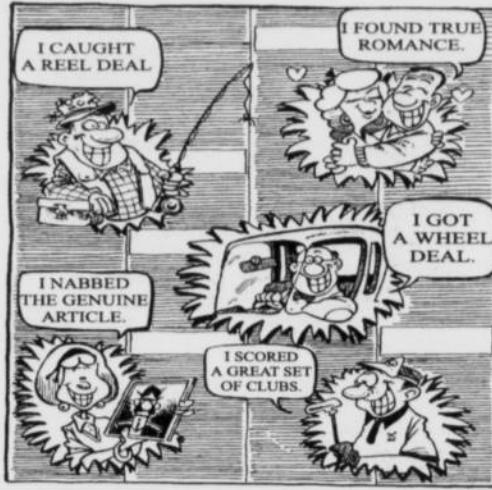
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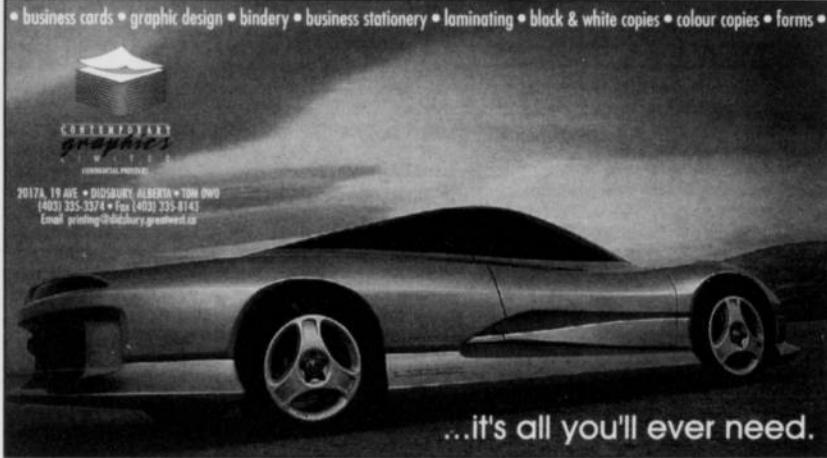


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